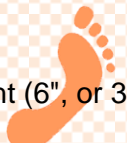
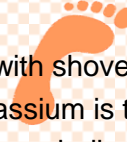
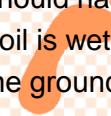


Step-By-Step Daffodil Planting Instructions



1. **Select site.**
 - A. Daffodils need sunlight from March-May and fairly good soil.
 - B. Avoid dense tree roots, low places where water is known to sit, dense shade, dog runs, automatic sprinkler system zones and the North side of buildings.
2. **Place bags of bulbs about 16" apart, spacing and designing before you actually dig.**
 - A. Each variety is packaged separately and each variety should have its own hole.
 - B. Make sure the soil is not too wet (muddy or mucky). If soil is wet, wait a day or two.
 - C. Make sure the soil is not too dry (can't get a shovel in the ground). If soil is too dry, water and come back to the site later.
3. **For the first bag, dig a hole 9" deep x 9" wide.**
 - A. Use a piece of plastic sheeting or box lid to hold excavated soil keeping the planting area cleaner.
 - B. Break up large soil clumps as you go.
4. **Chop at soil at the bottom of the hole** with shovel, claw or other implement. Go as deep as you can. Mix high potassium fertilizer (Potassium is the last number in the N-P-K 5-5-5 formula) in with this chopped up soil. Use 1 Tbsp. per bulb and mix well.
5. **Add soil amendments** (perlite or sand plus peat moss or bark fines) to the loose soil you have excavated. Mix.
6. **Backfill the hole** to proper planting height (6", or 3x the height of the bulb) with the amended soil.
7. **Tamp down with your hands** and measure depth again to 6" with a ruler.
8. **Place a handful of good amended soil** where each bulb will be placed (will make a little pile).
9. **Place a small handful of sand or perlite** on top of amended soil (will make a bigger pile).
10. **Stick a white plastic tag**, with cultivar name and color code written on it, on edge in bottom of hole or a little higher.
11. **Firmly seat bulb(s), neck up**, in an [alternating pattern](#), about 4 inches apart, depending on size. Usually it's 3x the width of the bulb.
12. **Backfill with excavated soil**, making sure bulb(s) remain neck up.
13. **Step on hole to firmly pack soil.** Not too firmly, though, don't stomp on it!
14. **If you're using garden markers**, place in front of the bulb.
15. **Chart bulb on map.** Use both name and color code.
16. **Mulch with shredded hardwood bark mulch** to keep Spring flowers clean.